

*Amendment and Response After Final
Application No. 10/044,098*

REMARKS

Claims 11, 16 and 22 have been cancelled in this Amendment and Response After Final.

Claims 14, 31 and 32 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 13, 19, 29, 30, 34 and 38 have been amended in this Amendment and Response After Final. As a consequence, Claims 1-10, 12-13, 15, 17-21, 23-30 and 33-41 are currently pending in this application.

Each of the pending claims require that either the support member or the support sleeve of the claimed motorcycle stand include a self-lubricating material. In addition, each of the claims has also now been amended to require a coupling device that is adjustably positionable relative to the support member of the support sleeve and that provides infinite adjustment of the height of the support member or the support sleeve relative to the base and within a preselected range. Based upon that amendment, Applicant believes that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, as the structure added to each of the claims is nowhere taught by any of the prior art of record and is not obvious in light of any of the prior art of record. Applicant thus requests that the application now be allowed. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Finally, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention a credit posted to the undersigned's Deposit Account, No. 19-1970. On June 13, 2005, Applicant filed an Amendment and Response to July 14, 2004 Office Action (with Check No. 26089) and a Request for Extension of Time (with Check No. 26088). Both checks have cleared the undersigned's bank account. On December 13, 2005, a credit in the amount of \$510 was posted to Account No. 19-1970 for this

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application. Applicant believes this credit may be in error, as there is no record of the Deposit Account being charged \$510, because Applicant submitted Check No. 26088 as payment for the extension of time. Applicant thus also requests clarification of the \$510 credit posting for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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